GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE FOR EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken strategic initiative to internationalise Indian education in a big way;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the fresh steps taken to provide students a long term career based education in the country as well as to the foreign students ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS A, B & C OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 234 FOR 7.8.2001 REGARDING STRATEGIC INITIATIVE FOR EDUCATION BY SHRI SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV.

(a)&(b): To disseminate information on Indian education in foreign countries and to provide a single window service to facilitate admission of foreign/Non Resident Indians in Indian institutions, Ed.CIL, a publicsector undertaking under the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, is conducting/participating in educational fairs and exhibitions in the identified potential countries in association with the respective Indian Missions. In addition, an education portal has been launched on 19th June 2001 which provides extensive information on various matters relating to Indian Education. Besides 5 % seats in IITs and 15% seats in other central engineering institutions have been reserved for foreign/NRI students. A similar provision of 15% seats has also been made in respect of all Universities/Departments. These are supernumerary seats. UGC has allowed deemed Universities to set up campuses overseas. Consequently, centres of institutions like Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani/Ranchi & Manipal Academyof Higher Education have been opened incountries like Dubai, Bahrain and Malaysia. Besides, IGNOU also has a presencein 23 countries for providing distance education. There is a demand for teachers abroad and attempts are being made to meet the demand. For closer monitoring and implementation it has been decided to sign separate Educational Exchange Programmes with foreign countries instead of including programmes on Education in the Cultural Exchange Programmes.

(c) In addition to the thrust on vocational education in the formal school system, the Government have been operating schemes for school drop-outs and disadvantaged groups through the National Open School, for the unemployedrural youth through the Scheme of Community Polytechnics, for adult literates through the Scheme of 'Jan Shikshan Sansthans' under the Programme of National Literacy Mission (NLM) and in colleges through the University Grants Commission (UGC).